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Ref: Construction Stoppage

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

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In response to your letter of 7 July 1953 concerning the indefinite postponement of work on the construction contract, this matter has been discussed with Mr. [REDACTED], who states that he considers it highly desirable to avoid excessive publicity in the matter.

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Unless I have misunderstood previous indications received, the actual stoppage is a result of action by the AGC rather than a strike. My suggestion is that the possibility of commencing work be discussed with [REDACTED] on the basis of his interest (and ours) in completing work under the contract before the wet weather sets in, since a commitment has been made to the Government on the basis of which it (the Government) could normally expect not to be delayed in gaining occupancy before the end of the year.

In light of the desire to avoid publicity and the fact that no really great pressure exists to vacate the present station, I believe this is a more feasible approach to the problem than an argument based upon vital defense work. Should the stoppage involve a greatly extended period of time, which appears unlikely, we may then wish to resort to more forceful arguments.

Very truly yours,



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